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Fiscal Note On: **HB 693** HLS 26RS 1279

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Legislator District Signs	

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Creates Louisiana legislator district signs on highways and roads in the state

Proposed law authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to place legislator district signs within interstate and other fully controlled access highway rights-of-way; provides that the department may regulate the content, composition, placement, erection, and maintenance of the legislator district signs; authorizes the department to contract with a qualified third party; provides that the department may expend any available federal funding; requires the department establish an appropriate and reasonable fee which shall be considered self-generated revenues.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in a potentially significant increase in SGR expenditures for the Department of Transportation and Development to place legislator district signs on the interstate or within other fully controlled access highway rights-of-way. The exact fiscal impact to the department is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many legislators will request a district sign or how much a third-party contract may cost. The department is authorized to establish an appropriate and reasonable fee to cover the cost of installation, removal, and maintenance. Therefore, any increase in expenditures will be offset by an increase in revenue.

For illustrative purposes, in FY 27, the estimated cost for interstate road designations is \$2,250 per sign, which includes the costs for materials, fabrication, mounting posts, and installation of each sign but does not include maintenance. Assuming similar costs for legislator district signs, should all 144 members request one sign, the total cost would be \$324,000, which may be spread across multiple fiscal years. To the extent that not all members request a sign, or request a sign that is not located on the interstate (estimated cost of \$750), the estimated increase in expenditures will decrease accordingly.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in SGR revenues for the Department of Transportation and Development. The department will be responsible for determining an appropriate and reasonable fee to cover the cost of installation, removal, and maintenance. The fee amount is indeterminable at this time, as it is unknown whether the department will utilize a third-party contract or the exact cost of installation and maintenance of district signs should the department install and maintain the signs. Any increase in revenue will be used to offset the increase in expenditures to the department.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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